**Reconstruction**

**Equality and Hierarchy**

This unit examines the mechanisms by which African Americans sought to gain greater equality in terms of legal rights and their daily lives. Working against these efforts were the attempts of some white Americans to maintain their own power and privilege. You will work with various partners and in each grouping complete the following:

1. Present information on your topic and explain information about your group/agency/court decision/laws
2. Take notes on partners information in the space below
3. Analyze how the “attempt at equality” works with /our counteracts “attempt to maintain hierarchy.” In other words, what does it mean for the rights of African Americans?

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| **Attempts at Equality** | **Attempts of Whites to Maintain Hierarchy** |
| **Freedman’s Bureau** | **Black Codes** |
| **13,14,15th Amendments** | **Sharecropping** |
| **Enforcement Acts** | **Plessy v. Ferguson** |
| **Exodusters** | **KKK and Lynching** |
|  | **Jim Crow Laws** |